

PTA: Washington Elementary School PTA, First PTA Meeting

Date: September 9, 2015

Time: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Washington Elementary School Library

I. Call meeting to order

- a. Call to meeting at 4:06pm

II. Reports of Officers

a. Treasurer's Report

i. Budget proposal

1. Budget balance \$1, 425.31 from last year
2. Expenses to BJ for meetings and movie nights
3. Looked at budget used last year, fundraisers, 2 big fundraiser, big first half, make about \$1,000, big second half butter braid or bookie dough make about \$1,000
4. Did really well with restaurant nights last year, hope to 1 a month, McDonald's, Chuckey Cheese's, book fair in April made \$600, box tops \$400 hope to make \$4,000
5. Events throughout year, 3 movie nights, magic show, dance, teacher appreciation week (Moe's again, breakfast and lunch, gifts), recess toys, 5th t-shirts, DJ Spirit Day, autograph books
6. Grant's and services – classroom spot grants, gift cards for math and literacy night, gift cards for parent surveys
7. Staff room supplies – K cups, salt and pepper shakers, aluminum foils
8. Membership and due – member estimate
9. Liability insurance, supplies and equipment, movie licensing fee
10. Income - \$11, 415.31 expenses \$10, 905.00 carry over - \$510.31
11. Questions, comments, concerns – Carry over same amount? No, probably just \$500. School do any fundraisers? No, just PTA. St. Jude only one.
12. Motion to approve. Approved.

b. President's Report

- i. Hope to do more, more events, more stuff for kids to come to, give more to school and teachers and classrooms
- ii. Anything want to see, let us know. Light in parking lot.

c. Membership Report

- i. 15 paid members
- ii. Hope to get to 40

d. Principal's Report

- i. Website – new organizer Jim Farrell
- ii. Newsletter – 1 page with links, more e-friendly
- iii. Excited to see everyone and have people here, how can grow it more?
- iv. Where are students as learners, social and emotional, where with reading, with math, want to be able to tell in concrete way, have open conversation, facilitate community-school link, skills need to acquire,
- v. Kids will do well if they can, make mistakes, have gaps, handle it, will handle it, if can't, our job to give skill set, we are all committed, go out of way for kids, be creative, staff is good, with organization, new approaches will improve child's experience at school
- vi. Process will be bumpy, will be difficult, work with us, need to reach out to school, come to Open House, next PTA
- vii. Hope to hear child say expected and unexpected behaviors, positive energy in building from whole staff, find give information to parents and partner with us, a lot of work to do, students well below state, time wasted matters, positive climate, teachers working hard take on challenge, need more people informed and engaged, both parents and kids, looking toward future
- viii. How determine below state? Assessments, average, reading, math, CMT, goal to be proficient large number below, new standard is Smarter Balance (and really hard), we are low 50% percentile, only one dimension of child, but important part, meant to be straight forward, help students understand why here, purpose is to help grow, continue to grow
- ix. Find a way to talk to parents in clear way, show where are and then find favorite thing, make learning tangible and interesting
- x. K play grant, learning do while play, learn how to plan, set a goal, find something interested, plan, see how it goes

III. Reports of Committees

a. Fundraising Chairperson

- i. Restaurant Night @ Husky Pizza – September 29th

- ii. Lyman Orchards pies – October TBD come frozen about \$18 pecan \$19
 - 1. Volunteers?
 - 2. Boxes?
 - iii. Restaurant Night @ Home Town Buffet – October
 - 1. Red robin
 - 2. Friendly's
 - 3. McDonald's
 - 4. Chucky Cheeses
 - 5. Nomads
 - 6. DQ
 - 7. Sweet Frog
 - 8. Burger Fry
 - iv. Butter Braids
 - v. Barnes & Noble – April
 - 1. Mobile Weather Lab
 - 2. Display student work
 - 3. Teacher wish list
 - 4. Lego area
 - 5. Right after science fair
 - 6. 15% proceeds
 - b. Events Chairperson
 - i. Movie Night – September 25 @6:30pm movie “Home” in cafeteria
 - ii. Truck or Treat – October
 - iii. Bowling Night - November
 - iv. Holiday Shop – December
 - v. Parkade Theater Movie Night – January
 - vi. School Dance – February
 - 1. DJ
 - 2. Art decorations
 - 3. Concessions
 - vii. Gymnastics - Pollock
- IV. New Business
 - a. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - i. Volunteers – parent
 - ii. A lot of places donate, need people to make phone calls and go get stuff, set up, clean up
 - iii. Grant proposals – Big Y
 - iv. January

- b. Art events
 - i. City PTA sponsors event in Spring
 - ii. School PTA can bring in something additional if another event interested in
 - 1. Phyllis Dance Performances
 - 2. Storyteller
 - 3. Heritage Celebration
 - 4. Mad Science
 - 5. Balloon guy
- V. Announcements
 - a. Remind App. – sign up via text to get reminders of events
 - b. Recycling basket back in cafeteria
 - i. Made \$50
 - c. Popcorn party for Box Top winners
 - i. 2 times year - Dec. and June
- VI. Adjournment
 - a. 4:57pm

To Do:

1. Recess toy box code and more toys
2. Website calendar
3. Bulletin board
4. Open House – PTA rep.
5. Questions for principal on agenda
6. Flyers on website and Facebook
7. Lyman Orchards – child's name on order form
8. Email blast email address
9. Shop Rite card – register card, get points, redeem for stuff
10. Student of Month, honor at PTA meetings